

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3039 - SB 3662

January 27, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals with handgun carry permits to possess a firearm at any time of the year when traversing any refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$300/Wildlife Resources Fund

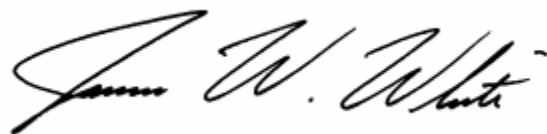
Decrease Local Gov't. Revenue - \$400

Assumptions:

- 2007 data are not available.
- In 2006 there were eight convictions for violations that meet the provisions of the bill. The total amount of fines and court costs collected in association with the eight convictions was \$1330.
- In 2005 there were no convictions for violations that meet the provisions of the bill.
- It is assumed that there is an average of four such convictions each year ($8 / 2 = 4$).
- It is assumed that the average amount of revenue collected each year for such convictions is \$665 ($\$1330 / 2 = \665).
- A split of 55% to local governments ($\$665 \times 55\% = \365.75) and 45% ($\$665 \times 45\% = \299.25) to the TWRA for any fees and fines associated with convictions.
- No additional personnel will be required by the TWRA due to any increase in the difficulty of the enforcement of wildlife regulations.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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